

Addendum No. 1 to IFB 14-52



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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB 14-52,
Residential Property Rodent Control Program

From: Michael Richards, Purchasing Analyst

Date: January 6, 2014

Re: Questions about IFB 14-52

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Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.

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Questions from Prospective Bidders

1. Is the service to be provided on a monthly basis? Or as needed? I know the Scope of Services says ISD will complete the initial inspections and will then contact the Contractor to schedule the appointment. Will the ISD inspections take place regularly, or will it be as-needed as they are contacted by residential property owners?

Reply: **ISD inspections will be scheduled as requests are received.**

2. Is the use of the word 'trapping' at the discretion of the contractor to decide what type of traps the service will provide? Or does 'trapping' mean specifically one of glue traps and snap traps or live traps for later release elsewhere?

Reply: **The vendor will make a professional recommendation for the best method of rodent control treatment at each property. If the vendor determines that trapping is the appropriate method at a particular property, the vendor will decide the type of trap needed.**

3. "How many services does unit price per property include? Understandably, some locations will need to be services for longer than others due to the level of infestation, so I did not know if the price was based on only the initial inspection and service and the one follow up and then a new charge will go in or if it is supposed to take care of the problem entirely?"

Reply: **Per the bid documents, the unit price shall include one evaluation, treatment, retrieval and follow-up inspection only.**

4. Will the city provide the contractor with all property owner contact information so that we can schedule the sites effectively?

Reply: **Yes.**

5. Is it the intent of the inspectors to compile a list of properties and then submit them to the contractor for action? As opposed to doing 1 or 2 properties at a time or do you anticipate an on-call type of approach?

Reply: **Management of the program will depend on the volume of calls received by the City. An on-call approach will be used initially. If there is sufficient program interest, lists of properties will be submitted to the contractor on a weekly or other regular schedule.**

6. What is the information on last year's bid results? Please include a breakdown of dollar value and any other information pertaining to this contract.

Reply: **This is a bid on a new contract so there are no results available from previous years.**

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The original IFB has been amended and updated as follows:

On page 7 of the IFB, the section labeled “Description of Services” is to read:

“A Comprehensive Integrated Pest Control Program for the City of Somerville, outdoor baiting and pest management.”

Any reference to indoor or interior services is to be ignored as this IFB is for outdoor services only.